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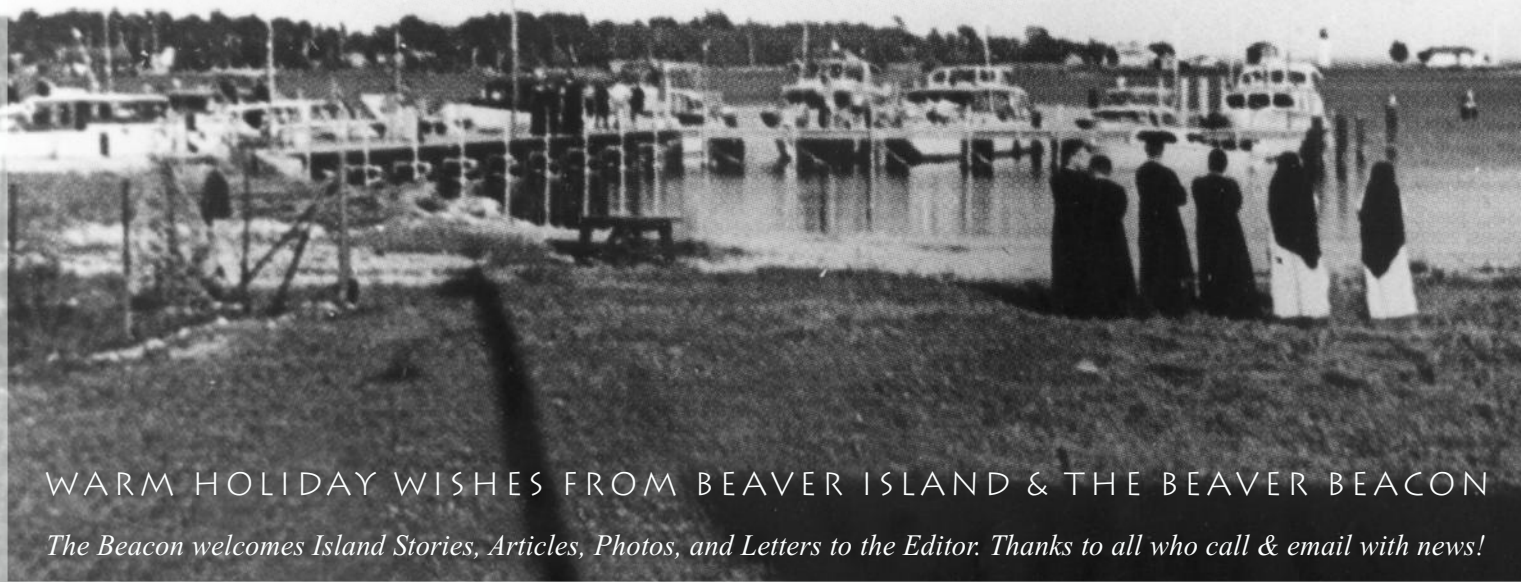
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## 4. NEWS FROM THE TOWNSHIPS

### St. James Township

#### *Presentation by CMU:*

Tess Sherman and Don McIntyre presented some information on CMU's plans for the building next to the Town Hall—the old Coast Guard boat house, which had been reroofed and resided in the past year. They said CMU was obtaining a 28' vessel for its Great Lakes Research project, which would be centered here. There would be a kind of research museum in the upper level, and twelve tanks, each holding around 250 gallons of water, for the studies themselves. The tanks would be used for mesocosm research between May and the end of September, with designated public tours. Water for the tanks would be drawn from depths of either 3' or 25', depending on the experiment, and be heated or cooled to achieve the desired temperature. The experiments would be triple-blind: three separate tanks would be used for each, so four experiments could be run simultaneously. The research would be done by professors from CMU and other institutions, as well as by students. The equipment was unique—state of the art.

A flyer distributed at the meeting added more information. The mesocosm tanks were the result of a \$350,000 grant, on top of a \$10,000,000 grant to fund a consortium of 10 universities and three government agencies to conduct research over the next five years. The vessel was being built in Alabama and would be used in Lakes Michigan and Huron, with an A-frame and davit for lowering scientific equipment into deep-water regions. Six students were selected from 38 applicants to spend 10 weeks at the research facility next summer.

The Biological Station will also continue to schedule field trips for the community as well.

#### *Other Business:*

Robert Bradley intended to present information about expanding 9-1-1 capability through the use of our towers, but bad weather kept the planes from flying after mid-afternoon. He had spoken with the supervisor, though, who informed the audience that the proposal would involve a long lease (30 years was requested) for the Townships' two towers, that \$67,000 worth of equip-

ment would be installed, that they'd use 40' of tower space but still allow for additional equipment (such as to empower better cell phone coverage, which was still an important goal), and that the Beaver Head tower would also be used.

A report was made that 20% of the recent *phragmites* treatment had been done to state land, and a bill for this would be sent to the DNR.

Pete LoDico delivered a report on what the Human Services Commission thought would improve recreational opportunities. His list included more handicap parking, alternating-color steps on public buildings, a paved campground path and viewing platform, and a night-sky viewing platform at Gull Harbor.

BIRHC manager Donna Kubic and EMS director Sarah McCafferty requested a joint meeting with the two Townships in which Mike Slatery could be brought to talk about the steps that would have to be taken to move forward on the air ambulance project. They requested the Township pay part of his fee, and it agreed.

The supervisor clarified the Emergency Services Authority situation, saying it had been passed, recorded by the State, but not empaneled. A report had come back from the St. James attorney, saying that the first order of business would be to decide whether or not the Authority should be the entity to control these services, and, if so, to actualize it. Either way, the BIRHC's constitution and By-laws would have to be amended, as well as its agreement with the Townships. St. James was in favor of combining the BIRHC and the EMS; a few weeks later the BIRHC would appoint a task force to study the matter.

Pete Plastrik reported on the meeting between some members of the NRESC, the DNR, and MSU facilitators, and said a recommendation would be made to the full NRESC to continue the process.

### Peaine Township

Supervisor Jack Gallagher was stuck in Charlevoix by bad weather—he had been attending the Airport trial. Larry Kubic was designated to run the meeting.



Bob Bradley had come over on the boat, and delivered his presentation requesting use of the Townships' towers. He said the Justice Department would fund the purchase of the gear for them, and for the upgrading of equipment in the deputy's cars and ambulances – it might run \$100,000. The installed system would involve mainland towers, would improve mainland communication, and would increase communication throughout the archipelago, except for a few spots on the west side of High Island. So water rescue would be easier too. He said if this went through he would begin searching for grant funds to supply each tower with an emergency back-up generator. He recommended that a committee be formed with two members from each Township to pursue this, and the Board agreed.

He also said that adding this capability would improve chances of interesting a cell-phone service provider to climb aboard.

Help paying the fee for bringing Mike Slatery to a joint meeting to discuss moving forward with an air ambulance was requested and approved.

Combining the EMS and the BIRHC was discussed. Jim Birdsall passed out a paper suggesting that the RFPs discussed for an air ambulance could not be sent out by the BIRHC because it lacked the authority; this would have to be done, at present, by the ESA (Emergency Services Authority), the status of which would have to be cleared up first. The Board was in favor of letting the EMS and the BIRHC consider how to combine.

Pete LoDico and Larry Kubic discussed their meeting with the Charlevoix County Road Commission. They said the time for the \$1,400,000 King's Highway repaving would be 2013 or 2014, and would be helped if other large paving jobs came into existence – such as at the Airport, or the School's side parking lot. Questions were asked about paving part of the East Side Drive – at least as far as the Transfer Station, and about recycling used shingles as part of the process. The last surfacing was a seal-coat, which had greatly outlived its expected five-year life. Mike Hurkmans had suggested using a road-hardening solution on our

gravel roads. The CCRC wanted us to give them three acres next to the Transfer Station and to erect a building there for them – they agreed to apply for grants to cover its cost.

Sandy Birdsall reported on the NRESC meeting with MSU and the DNR, and asked the Township to approve continuing with the facilitators if the full NRESC voted to do so. The Board agreed.

Terry Saxton reported that the street light at the Highway and McCauley Road had been out for months.

### NRESC

The Natural Resources Steering Committee met in late November, and made some organizational decisions. It assigned 1, 2, or 3 -year terms to its 17 members by a random draw, voted to make subcommittees advisory only and to not form them without a clear mission statement and list of activities and members, and agreed to create its own website early next year.

More importantly, it discussed the proposal from the DNR and MSU facilitators to work together to develop a natural resources management plan. With no objections voiced, and the ability to pull out at any time, it voted unanimously to go ahead. The first step will be a six-hour open meeting on Saturday, December 10, at the Peaine Hall, intended to develop a reasonable overview of community's attitudes, the opportunities and threats it presents, and the strengths and weaknesses of the NRESC group.

It also voted to support and request the Townships to provide support for two initiatives, and to offer to work with the Beaver Island Association on a 5-year *phragmites* plan. One initiative was by the Conservation Resource Alliance and involves applying for a grant for developing a management plan for Iron Ore Creek (part of which is currently being logged) from the Fish and Wildlife Restoration Act or, failing that, the Sustain Our Great Lakes project. The other initiative was from the Nature Conservancy, which proposed to send 3 or 4 researchers to the Island for June and July to conduct a fine inventory (a coarse inventory was done via a fly-over)

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6. *News from the Townships*, from page 5.  
of both state and private lands throughout the archipelago. Peaine would also be asked to lodge the team in the East Side Fire Hall.

Pete Plastrik mentioned that 245 responses to his recreation survey for St. James had been received – all but 15 being filled out online.

Finally Jim Gillingham moderated a Power Point presentation based on information he had learned at a SOLEC (State of the Lakes' Ecosystems) conference he had attended in Erie in

October, which had delivered much disturbing information about the prevalence of quagga and zebra mussels, the havoc they wreak by ingesting tiny particles of nutrient which results in a clarification of the water, and the resulting bloom of *cladophora*, the algae befouling some of our beaches. The news was that it will only get worse, and that a more dangerous algae, *microcystis*, which is toxic, may be on the way.

The conference dealt in part with Beaver Island, one of the most

biodiverse islands of the 32,000 in the Great Lakes (the actual number rises and falls as the water falls and rises). Beaver still serves as a model of prompt civic action in the face of invasives – a response that has spread knowledge of us among researchers all over the country.

There were so many scary issues about coastal wetlands, water shortages, and “the elephant in the room” (global warming) that everyone was energized to do what they could to help protect Beaver Island.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To: The Beaver Islanders

I think the question of whether or not we want the large municipal airport facility the Airport Committee is planning to build should be brought to a vote by the BI voters. Do we really need a larger airport when the Welke airport has a history of running its successful business out of a terminal no larger than the existing municipal airport? Even if the building is funded through a grant, we would be paying increased operating costs and maintenance required by a larger facility. And in regard to grant

money, let's remember the old truism “there's no such thing as a free lunch.”

With real worries about our personal and national financial health, now may be the time for caution. Here on BI many residents took big hits during the financial meltdown of 2008 and find themselves far less financially secure, and it is doubtful that picture is going to improve anytime soon. I think we need to know more before we simply rubber-stamp these elaborate plans made by the Airport Committee.

I did read the Airport Committee

report explaining the need for the new community airport and found it unconvincing. Reconsidering this massive airport construction project seems only reasonable in light of the recent judicial findings.

Within the recent years we have replaced several public buildings with larger ones which have increased our taxes, so, as a taxpayer, I'd like to propose that any new public project be thoroughly vetted and that community comment be encouraged.

—Gwen Marston, 11/23/2011

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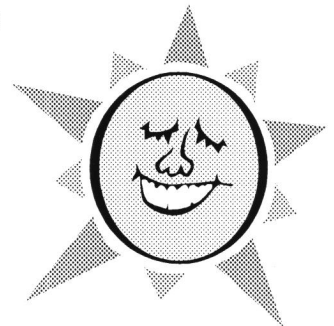
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Background: Keith and Christy Albin first purchased 110 acres on the edge of the airport. Mr. Albin, a pilot, wanted access to the airport for his plane and was aware that approximately 20 acres of the land was heavily encumbered by an easement and in the path of landing planes. Following the completion of the new runway, the Albins purchased another 40 acres (for \$2,500 per acre).

That 20 acres needed for a runway protection zone – required by the FAA – is situated at the end of the runway on a high ridge, basically in the middle of the Albins' property.

Negotiations for the land were nearly finalized in 2003, but changes in management at Michigan Aeronautics and other complications resulted in delays, and subsequently several years went by with no progress on acquiring

the land. The Township Boards were kept updated; in 2010 the Townships filed (with both Boards approving the action) through Eminent Domain to acquire the 20 acres. The Albins were paid \$191,000 (approximately \$9,000 per acre), a hefty price, but one that attempted to fairly compensate them for that wedge shaped piece that lay in the middle of the property on the ridge.

The Albins filed a claim against the Townships, basically stating that all of their 150 acres were now impossible to develop. Also in dispute was the date the offer on the land had been issued.

The jury deliberated on the case and issued their verdict on Nov. 10. They found in favor of the Albins and set the price on the total property (150 acres) at \$5,000 an acre. As \$191,000 was already paid, the cost of buying the additional land will be \$502,000.

On Nov. 16, Michigan Aeronautics formally approved the transfer of funds for this land. The local co-pay is 2½%, which is approximately \$30,000 (\$15,000 from each township). The BI Airport Commission has been setting

aside funds for development and improvements at the airport and have Beaver Island's share in the bank. In addition, another important fact to note is that the Aeronautics monies being utilized by the BI Airport are funded by user fees. The money comes from taxes on aviation fuel, passenger tickets, registration fees, etc. Michigan Aeronautics have been very supportive of our airport, which is strategically an important "safe harbor" for all those flying across Lake Michigan.

With the land acquisition now behind us, the Airport Commission looks forward to a bright future. It might take us a little longer to begin our planned improvements, such as a new terminal building, but we will – with your help and support – soon have a municipal airport that will be a source of pride for Beaver Island.

Thank you,

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Mike Scripps, Elaine West,  
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Pete LoDico, and Ray Cole

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sniper in Viet Nam and was the chief pancake maker at the AmVets' pancake breakfasts.

After a prayer by Post chaplain Bob Hoogendoorn, Alvin LaFreniere provided some information about the forming of Veterans' Day by President

Wilson a year after the end of WW I. Then Caitlin Jones presented the poem *Flanders Field*. Finally Bob Hoogendoorn played a flawless rendition of *Taps*, and then the respectful crowd dispersed, glad to retreat from the nippy air.





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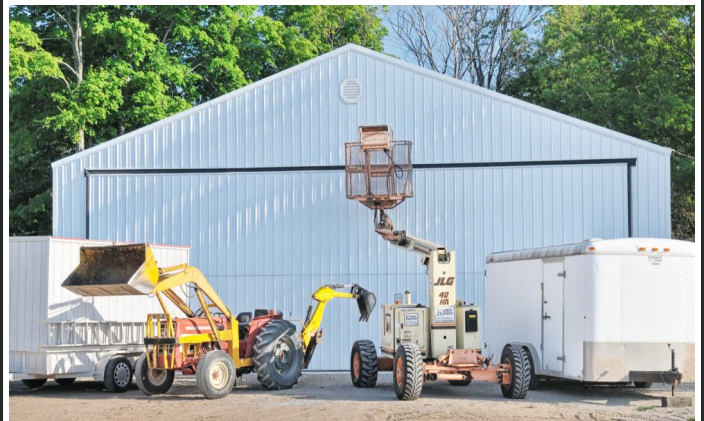
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## 12. ANNUAL CoA REPORT: TOUGH DECISIONS LOOM

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He was most concerned with two issues: the unsustainable pattern of deficit spending supporting the current levels of service; and the aging demograph-

ics that will result in a significant increase in the senior population.

The mission of the CoA has been to help seniors maintain their independence by supplying essential services necessary for them to remain in their own homes. The model was developed by the radio generation, and it has served well. A new generation is now entering their

retirement years, the Baby Boomers. They do not see the world the way their parents did. Their likes and dislikes are obvious, and they are not afraid to speak up. It has been said, "They changed the world when they were teens, and will change it again in retirement."

The Baby Boomers want choices. They do not want cafeteria style meals. They want activities, and don't regard Bingo as an *activity*. They want a social club setting, not an institutional setting.

Unfortunately, funding is not adequate to continue, let alone improve, the CoA programs. It has been spending beyond its means. During 2005-6, its fund balance came under scrutiny, and was spent down by adding programs. The economic crisis reduced revenue as property values plunged. These two factors resulted in deficit spending over \$300,000 each year.

Balancing the 2010-11 budget required \$388,000 from savings. Some non-essential services were dropped, such as lawn mowing and snow removal, and others pared down. The result was a \$250,000 reduction of expenditures. Unfortunately revenues dropped by \$190,000, so only \$60,000 was saved. A transfer from savings of \$329,000 for FY2011 was required.

The CoA re-calculated costs and requested more donations. It became eligible for additions to grant, and sought out new sources. It evaluated changes to its in-home service model and considered "pay for service" options offered by other counties. It asked its senior centers to find additional ways to utilize their buildings and reduce their dependence upon CoA contracts. But this resulted in only a small increase in revenue.

In preparing a budget for FY2012, increased labor costs, fuel costs, rent, and a COLA pushed the expenditures further into deficit spending. Everything possible was trimmed. The Transit Department picked up the local fares. The Boyne Area Seniors picked up the instructor costs for a computer program. There was nothing left to cut without eliminating essential programs. The end result was a budget balanced by transferring in \$355,000 from savings.

Thankfully there is a Savings Fund balance; for June 30, 2011, it was \$1.515 million. But FY2011 was balanced with



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a transfer in of \$329,000, which will leave \$1.2M at year end FY2011.

If the current service model is followed, the impact on the Savings Fund balance can be projected:

6-30-11	\$1,500,000
9-30-11	\$1,200,000
9-30-12	\$825,000
9-30-13	\$442,000
9-30-14	\$28,000

That's if Senior Millage revenues remain constant at .4 mil, grant sources hold steady, energy and food costs rise incrementally, and other support components (agencies) remain in place. Unfortunately cuts in the Medicare Program have resulted in cuts to agency funding. Winter will bring increased requests for service and higher costs for wages and supplies. The senior population is growing, and will continue to grow until the Baby Boomer generation peaks.

There are really only two options: raise revenue or cut expenses

*Option #1a:* the shortfall for FY2012 is \$355,000. Grant dollars are down and not anticipated to improve. The Commissioners could be asked for support from the General fund account; or the voters could be asked to raise the senior millage. While some counties subsidize their senior programs from their General Fund, Charlevoix has used a senior millage. Should the county use additional General Fund monies to support senior programs – this is the question the Commissioners have to answer. It should be approached in terms of priorities for General Fund dollars. If General Fund dollars were used to cover senior services, what other programs would have to be cut to balance this?

*Option #1b:* seek an increase in the Senior Millage. At present it's 0.4 mil. State law caps it at 1.0. The statewide average is 0.7 mil. Some counties do not have a senior millage, and some levy the full amount.

At 0.4 mil, the Senior Millage generates ~\$800,000. If it was increased to 0.5 mil, an additional \$200,000 would be generated. However, this amount is short of the \$355,000 deficit for FY 2012. If it went to 0.6 mil, it would generate another \$400,000. This would eliminate the deficit spending for FY2012, and maybe FY2013, but it may not be enough for FY2014.

At 0.7 mil, an additional \$600,000 would be generated. This is what's needed to secure the future of all CoA programs for the immediate future, but it represents a 75% increase in senior millage to sustain programs at current levels. And that is only today; it does not address what happens as more of the Baby Boomers retire.

*Option #2:* Cut Expenditures:

The FY2011 budget cut \$250,000, but the CoA still required a transfer in of \$329,000. The new budget cut that amount plus an additional \$35,000, but still required a transfer of \$355,000.

There are simply not enough resources to continue to sustain this level of services. *continued on page 14.*



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**Ten Years Ago** The *Beacon* reported that the 10<sup>th</sup> Ellen Welke memorial *Toys for Tots* program was underway; it would provide toys for Charlevoix County children who are qualified by Social Services to receive them – including on Beaver Island.

Betsy Borre was honored as one of six Remarkable Women at the YMCA Awards Luncheon in Grand Rapids. She

was credited with making the Meijer Gardens and Sculpture Park a reality, and her significant role in several other civic improvement projects was acknowledged.

Marilyn Clark profiled some of the many accomplishments of prolific artist Cindy Ricksgers, descended from great-grandfathers Henry Ricksgers and Joseph Schmidt – both born in Germany

but followers of Father Zugelder to Beaver Island to replace the Gaelic priest, Father Peter Gallagher. Cindy moved here when her daughters were 3 and 6, and became an important fixture for our infrastructure with her part-time teaching, organizing of art projects, and her day jobs – 22 years at the Shamrock before moving to the Hardware Store down the street.

*CoA dilemma, continued from page 13.* The only way to realize this kind of savings is to make changes. Personal care is a candidate, and yet the number of persons seeking Personal Care services is increasing. The CoA has seen an annual increase of 40-50% each of the last two years.

But the number of persons attending Senior Center programs is falling. This is not confined to Northern Michigan. The next generation is simply not coming. They are working longer. They are more active. They don't identify with the senior center model.

The age group served by senior centers is not uniform. Although the targeted age group for the congregate meals pro-

gram is 60+, there are very few seniors in their 60s. The real rise in numbers begins at age 74-5, and tapers off after 85-6.

As the current seniors age each year, some will become homebound, some will move to higher levels of care, and some will pass from this life. Until, or unless the next generation identifies with senior centers, this will continue and participants will continue to decline.

The CoA has to create a strategy for a "sustainable model." It will cost \$620,000 to operate the four senior centers in FY2012. If the Meals on Wheels are taken out of their budgets and transferred to Personal Care, the senior centers would cost about \$420,000. If the

CoA shifts its focus to Personal Care, the current funding would sustain this program for the immediate future.

But eliminating our senior centers would be abandoning our seniors. A strategy is needed to gradually shift activities away from senior centers to a model not based on a physical location. This will need to be implemented slowly and carefully. Falling attendance numbers suggest fewer meals, less floor space, or perhaps fewer hours. As leases expire, alternative locations or hours can be considered. Sites could be consolidated. Meals might be out-sourced.

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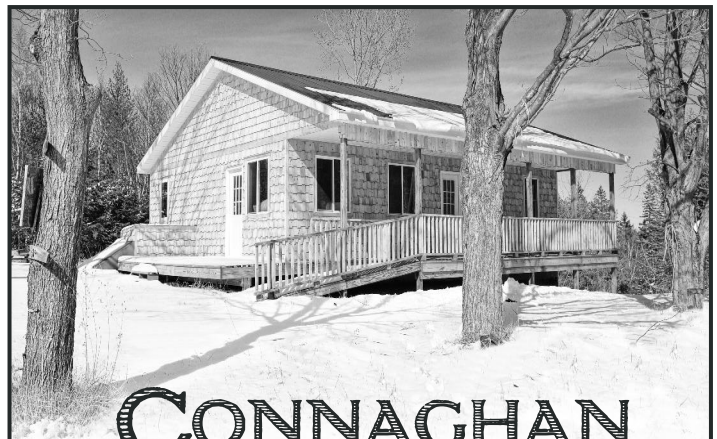
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The Youth Consortium was planning to install a skating rink behind Peaine Hall. John McCafferty resigned as Peaine Treasurer; his sister Donna Kubic was appointed to take his place.

The county Planning Commission recommended that St. James unify its Sewer Ordinance with the Zoning Ordinance, and that both townships establish a Recreation Plan. To that end

Jack Kelly was allowed to seek funding for its production.

The Port St. James planned to improve the Stables and add a new well for campers.

The Historical Society moved one of the Island's last threshers to a slab at the Heritage Park (towed by Ernie Martin) and built a roof over it.

Sympathy was noted for the

passing of Diane Hetherington, 57, and Walker Hill, 89. Diane had summered on Beaver Island with her family as a child, and in 1974 moved here (from San Francisco) to live. She worked as a secretary, manager, and census taker, and became our leading environmental activist before succumbing to cancer. Walker was an MSU professor who

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would still get out, socialize, travel, and have a nutritious meal – with choices. This approach may even have greater appeal. Engaging the next generation in this program helps them to remain healthy, live in their own homes longer, and have a richer, dignified life.

Coordinators could continue to offer “senior programs” by collaborating with community partners. Rather than put on a senior program at a “senior center,” the same program is provided at the library and marketed as a community event.

The fund balance could be used to accomplish the transition away from senior programs tied to a special purpose building. It's a sustainable model.

Even with a shift of focus to Personal Care, the anticipated 40% increase in demand for senior services will require more changes. Other options must be considered, such as fee-based services rather than donations, sliding-scale income-based charges, or a cost-based model for additional services.

The people of Charlevoix County have been generous when it comes to providing for the basic needs of their seniors. That support has been based upon a trust that their tax dollars have been spent wisely, and for their intended purpose: support for our seniors. To maintain that trust, the gravity of the situation must be communicated, and voters must

be given the opportunity to participate in the discussion. While the choices are limited, the opportunity is great. There is a tremendous resource of mature, wise, and interested seniors to help in the planning. And there is a fund balance to support the process and sustain senior programs as a transition is implemented. To figure out how to proceed, the CoA advisory board will hold a series of public meetings around the County. The one here will be at St. James Town Hall on December 13, from 6:00 until 8:00. Everyone with comments or questions, reactions to the information above or suggestions, is urged to attend. Those of us who are lucky will be a senior some day.



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16. **On This Date**, from page 15.

purchased the Rustic Villa from Karl Felix, and in 1960 started the Beaver Haven Marina with Phil Gregg.

**Twenty Years Ago** The *Beacon* reported on the kick-off of the Beaver Island Energy Project, an initiative backed by four Michigan universities, the DNR, and the Public Services Commission. Its objective was "economic development through energy self-reliance." Former *Beacon* owner Chuck Hooker was a leading proponent.

Kitty McNamara thanked those who responded to her market survey, and said she was encouraged to open a shop, *America's Emerald Isle Imports*, in the Cole Boathouse, which would offer jewelry, clothing, books, and art from Ireland.

A bond issue which would allow the school to borrow up to \$900,000 for renovating the oldest part of the building resulted in a 101 – 101 tie, and would be resubmitted to the voters in June.

BICS senior Scott McGinnity was given a Good Citizenship Award.

The Municipal Airport obtained a low-interest \$50,000 loan to secure a NBD Approach from the east. The Airport would have to purchase 38 1-acre lots in the Airport Homesites (off the SE corner) from Walt Wojan, who was asking \$45,000. It was suggested that the Airport look into buying property at the west end instead.

Fran Teeter resigned as St. James Clerk, suggesting Jean Palmer be named as her replacement.

A St. James Township resolution was passed in which title to the closed Dockside Market would be requested from all previous owners, since none of them could repay the ~\$300,000 toxic site clean-up costs; the Township would accept in order to preserve the historic building *provided* the DNR forgave the costs and the State agreed not to sue the

Township.

Fourteen men from the Pellston Work Camp agreed to come to St. James the following summer to remove the old sidewalks and install new ones.

A rough draft of a 5-year Recreation Plan was submitted to the County Planning Commission for its approval before being sent to the DNR.

An essay written by Theresa O'Donnell in 1943 about our school was reprinted. It said that before the school was built John Maloney (of Maloney's Point on Font Lake) taught school in a house on the Millers' lot, but in 1898 Dominican nuns arrived and set up school in the County Seat building, which also held the jail. In 1900 a plan was accepted to build a new school. Robert Jones, a Charlevoix contractor, gave a bid of \$3,000, but that was thought to be too high so the basement, gym, furnace room, and a separate high school room were cut. Jones started work in 1901 and finished in 1902, the year the president was shot. So it was named the McKinley School.

**Thirty Years Ago** Skip McDonough and Alvin LaFreniere joined the Historical Society Board.

The Fire Department Auxiliary purchased a chain saw rescue kit.

The Sweet Adelines were rehearsing for several Christmas performances.

Forty hunters took 11 deer on Garden and 325 took 68 deer on Beaver. Three coyotes were also shot. There were only two tent camps on Beaver.

**Forty Years Ago** The *Beacon* opened with an *Ode to the "Mary Margaret"* written by former resident Robert Gibson, and then reproduced a story from the *Courier* about the Squaw Island tragedy, in which a dog and four people drowned.

**Fifty Years Ago** The Conservation Officer, Vernon Fitzpatrick, reported that 230 hunters had taken 22 deer. Five more deer were shot illegally; two were

confiscated and given to needy Island families. Fitzpatrick planted 2,000 2-year-old brook trout (450 pounds) in Fox Lake.

Rogers Carlisle was hunting NE of Round Lake and came upon a flock of blue geese. He fired three shots as they rose, bringing one down. Further east Don Welke and his family were standing outside their farm when the flock passed. As they watched, the leader fell to the ground, dead from its gunshot wound.

The Island golf pro Matt Melville spent the winter in Ireland, writing to Father Lewis that "I have just visited the gallows where my uncle was hung. It is such a beautiful spot. He must have enjoyed it."

Tax values jumped; St. James (collectively) rose from \$446,000 to \$534,00, and Peaine from \$228,445 to \$510,765.

Bud McDonough had 68 white-faced Hereford cows and one bull delivered to his Jordan River farm. One cow was erroneously shot by a befuddled deer hunter – who was assessed \$350.

The McClure Oil Company was at 3,798' at its third well, north of Iron Ore Bay, and was finding a little oil. It suspended operation but planned to return in the spring.

The *Beacon* reported that in 1878 the U.S. Government built a Life-saving Station at Whiskey Point, initially run by one man, who received help from local fishermen. He and his crew were called on to save many vessels: in 1883 the 3-masted schooner *J. I. Case*, for example, the *Chandler Wells* (Whiskey Island, 1884), the *LaFinere* (Hog Island, 1886), and the *Frank Leighton* (west side of Beaver, 1887)—as well as many local fishing boats. But now the Coast Guard sold the building – to Charlie Martin, who took five days to move it, using his sons and their friends.

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The AmVets and AmVets Ladies Auxiliary will hold the Children's Lunch with Santa on Saturday, December 17, from 11:30 – 1:00 at the Gregg Fellowship Hall. All children and their parents and/or grandparents are invited to come and have a hot dog lunch before seeing

Santa, who will arrive at Noon. Bring a camera to snap your child with Santa.

The AmVets and AmVets Ladies Auxiliary, in conjunction with the BICS, will again host a Santa's Workshop on December 19 at the school. The children will be able to purchase items for \$1.00

each for their family members. The AmVets and the ladies will be available with paper to help in wrapping the packages. The ladies ask the children to bring tags with the recipient's names to be put on each present. We wish you all a happy holiday season!



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**C**harlevoix Courier  
Wednesday, December 6,  
1911 **Front Page Article:**

## TWO SHOOTING ACCIDENTS

THANKSGIVING HUNTING TRIP RESULT  
IN BAD ACCIDENT FOR HUNTERS

Karl Kuebler, who lives near Brutus, accidentally shot himself Thanksgiving morning, while he was standing on a stump shooting rabbits. Kuebler had his gun resting on his left arm, when during the excitement somehow it slipped and tore the arm in a horrible manner. He was taken to the Petoskey Hospital, where the arm was amputated just below the elbow.

Ernest Enbody, the 14-year old son of Peter Enbody of Epsilon, received a charge of shot in his left foot on the morning of the same day while hunting rabbits near his home. He and another boy were hunting together when a rabbit broke cover and both boys fired, young Enbody getting the benefit of the shot from the gun in the hands of his friends. He is now at Lockwood Hospital, Petoskey, and the foot will be saved."

**Local News Briefly Told:**  
"Fr. Malone of St. James is making a short visit here."

"Under a new ruling of William P. Oakes, state game and fish warden, the fishermen of Grand Haven, St. Joe, Charlevoix and all around the Great Lakes are hit hard in the use of nets. For the first time in the history of the department the state game warden has made a ruling to the effect that 2 3 4 inch mesh nets may not be used in the waters of Michigan under any pretense."

Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, December 7, 1911 **Local News:**  
"Rev. Fr. Malone, of St. James, is in the city visiting friends."

"Lou H. Comfort, of the lighthouse construction department, came over from Fox Island Tuesday, having finished his work there. The boat will be

laid up here." (Note: Dec. 1 - 10, fair to ideal, 28 - 32 degrees, Dec. 11 steady rainstorm F. Protar)

Charlevoix Courier Wednesday, December 13, 1911 No copy on micro-film.

Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, December 14, 1911 **Local News:** "Str. Rob't. Wente loaded hemlock plank for the B. I. L. Co. last week."

"Mary B. Gallagher went to Chicago."

"W. E. Stevens, of the B. I. L. Co. went to Chicago on the steamer Wente."

"Mr. and Mrs. Wm A. Shied went to Manistee on a visit."

"Mrs. C. C. Allers went to South Haven."

"Fred Smith of the Petosky Grocery House stopped over one day last week to close up his business for the year."

(Note: Smith, Pet. appears in the Hotel Beaver register after the last recorded date of Nov. 10, 1911)

"A. Malloy went to Petoskey on business."

"Miss Kate Fridnt (sic) returned to her (home) in South

Haven after spending a month here visiting friends."

"Dr. A. A. Swinton, spent two day last week here doing business with our merchants."

"Albert Sietzs (sic), wife and family went to Free Soil, Mich., for the winter."

"Capt. M. J. Bonner and Wm. J. Gallagher went to Traverse City to attend a K. of C. banquet."

"Francis McCafferty, went to Charlevoix to attend the funeral of his brother Peter's wife."

"W. D. Gallagher returned home after attending Jury; also done business at Petoskey and Traverse City."

"John C. Gallagher is home after sailing all summer." (Note: Dec. 12 - 19 fair, 45 - 30 degrees F. Protar)

Charlevoix Courier Wednesday, December 20, 1911 **No Beaver Island related news**

(Note: December 20 storm 31 degrees F. Protar)

Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, December 21, 1911 **Local News:**

"Charley Roe's tug Bruce brought a load of shingles from Sweitzer's mill near the head of Beaver Island Sunday."

"The Arbutus brought from St. James Monday nearly four tons of whitefish. The catch is reported by fishermen as being fairly satisfactory. (Note: Dec. 21 - 26 fair to ideal, 32 - 26 degrees F. Protar)

Charlevoix Courier Wednesday, December 27 **No Beaver Island related news**

Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, December 28 **Local News:** "It is expected that next week will wind up the steamer Beaver's Island trips, after which the Island tug Margaret McCann will be chartered for mail trips as long as conditions permit."

"J. O. Plank, of Chicago and the absolute ruler of Fox Islands, is in the city. He came via the Island where he

spent a week, and will return to Chicago for the winter. Mr. Plank left his son in charge of the Island for the winter."

**Beaver Island News:** "Albert Beebe and wife spent Xmas in Charlevoix."

"Miss Lillian Stevens who was visiting her uncle at Horton's Bay, returned home Tuesday."

"Str. Beaver made her last trip Tuesday. The tug McCann will carry the mail during the rest of the season."

"W. E. Stevens of the B. I. L. Co. Went to Traverse City on business."

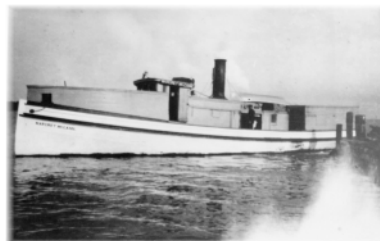
"Ben Keway went to DeWitt, Mich. For the winter."

"The St. James school gave an entertainment last week. It was attended by a large crowd. One of the principal features of it was a raffle on a watch given by W. A. Smith of Charlevoix. Barney McCafferty won the watch."

"The St. James Dramatic Club gave a performance Saturday night. It was a success and everyone please (sic)."

(Note: Dec. 30 - 31 blizzard, 29 - 31 - 16 degrees F. Protar)

(Note: Dec. 26 - 28 blizzard, 24 - 10 degrees, then fair F. Protar)







SOMEDAY LIKE TODAY





## DESTINATION: PARADISE BAY S/V MATEUS II

### HOME PORT: BEAVER ISLAND

by Larry Hansz

Today is a day of gale force winds with trees wildly whipping and rain driving horizontally against the windows. Many of the giant lake freighters are anchored in the lee of an island or in a calm bay taking refuge from the wildness of the open lake. Pleasure boats are safely out of the water and stored for the winter.

*Mateus II* is safely stored indoors at Beaver Island Marina and it will remain there for the next six or seven months. Once boats are winterized and stored many owners simply forget about them until the first warm days of April or May, but I can not do that. I guess I have

separation anxiety. I find some reason or some little project as an excuse just to go to the storage barn and be with the boat, working or making plans for next year. Crazy? Not really. Ill tell you why: *Mateus II* is part of our family.

*Mateus II* is a Sparkman & Stephens designed Tartan 30 sloop built in Rocky River, Ohio in 1972. Maureen and I bought it in 1978 on Lake St. Clair and sailed it to our home in Traverse City. The sales brochure says that it can sleep six adults but both of us will tell you that any more than two aboard is a crowd. However, we had three children, a dog, and other assorted gear that comes with a

family on board, such as bicycles, fishing poles, and a dingy strapped on deck. We created our own crowd. We looked like sailing gypsies!

As Maureen and I became better sailors our children grew up sailing. Our oldest started during his first year and the twins sailed intra uterine. We often overnighted at Marion Island (now called Power Island), then on to the villages in Grand Traverse Bay, Manitou Islands, Beaver Island, Mackinac, and finally on to the North Channel in northern Lake Huron. The North Channel is the mecca of Great Lakes cruisers and we were fortunate to







be able to cruise there for eight weeks one year. As we cruised further and longer our boys' sailing capability and acumen grew. They both had the touch of both boat and wind. Our daughter occasionally fought bouts of seasickness but she was game to come along; she loved relaxing with a good book and letting the others run the boat. Maureen did just about everything onboard except maintenance. She especially was good at steering downwind with the spinnaker up while racing. So, many good family times were had by all onboard.

In the early eighties as our kids were maturing Maureen and I went through

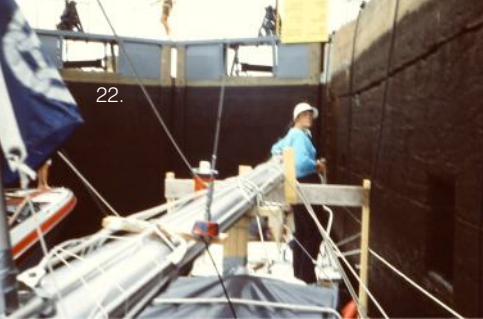
difficult times and a very close brush with divorce. We survived, made a vow to change priorities, and to give ourselves a long-discussed sailing cruise of a lifetime. There had been a mutual dream of sailing to the Bahamas but it was only talk. It became more than talk when all the children were out of school and launched. In 1987 we quit our jobs and sailed *Mateus II* to the Bahamas, leaving Traverse City and returning a year later. Included were more than eighty locks, the Erie Canal, Hudson River, Manhattan, and sailing within two hundred yards of the Statue of Liberty. Five weeks cruising the Chesapeake Bay

made us want to stay there the whole summer. All the quaint towns of the Intra Coastal Waterway: Charleston, Beaufort, Savannah, St. Augustine, and more. It was an education in U.S. history and geography. Life onboard in the Bahamas was wonderful and we made so many interesting friends. Imagine two people living for a year in about the space of a large bathroom! We sure are glad we did it when we were 45 years old, but we still dream of doing it again.

A few years after returning from the Bahamas we sold *Mateus II* to a couple in Cleveland. We stayed in touch with them over the years and told them







"If you ever want to sell the boat, call us first." Even though we bought another boat, we remained attached to the Tartan 30. In 2006 they called; their children were all gone; she had reoccurring cancer; and the boat had not been in the water for two years. We bought it sight unseen! Our family came back together.

The first time *Mateus II* sailed into Paradise Bay was in 1979 (*Mateus I*, a Cal-25 with the Hanszs onboard first found Beaver Island in 1974).

The Island immediately became a yearly cruising destination, especially if there was only a one week vacation from work in Traverse City. We would leave Traverse City and sail most of the night, arriving at St. James at 2 a.m. or later, anchor, and sleep until mid-morning. We would stay a few days, then go to Indian Harbor on Garden Island or anchor off

High Island before returning to work the following week.

One very memorable trip not too many years ago had us arrive about 2:00 a.m., anchor, and immediately go to sleep. If we arrived in the daylight we would slowly motor around looking for a clear sandy bottom in which to anchor. At 2:00 a.m. one simply has to hope the anchor will bite when dropped, and the boat is strongly powered in reverse to dig it in. We did our best.

We came ashore for breakfast about 10:00 a.m. at Dalwhinnie and then decided to return to the boat for more sleep. During nap time a strong southwest blow had come up. I suddenly awoke hearing an outboard motor very close, a radio squawking, and our anchor chain rattling. When I popped up through the front hatch to see what the

heck was going on I saw the sheriff's boat at our bow trying to attach a tow line. We had dragged anchor and were within feet of coming ashore between the Beaver Island Marina and the McDonough dock! Several people were watching from the docks and shore. It was great entertainment for them, but about gave us heart failure! (This actually is a fairly common occurrence. Many areas of the harbor have heavy weeds and others the bottom is soft with ages-old sawdust.)

*Mateus II* is part of our family and gives our whole family fond memories. Whenever we start thinking of next season's cruises, the old stories come back.... Remember when we dragged anchor at Beaver? All the snakes of Garden Island? The Big Storm? Brian falling off the dock?



After three years of an uphill battle to establish the Community Center as truly the center of our community while carrying debt that required constant payments, in addition to bearing the burden of operating costs, the Center has a chance to take a big step forward—thanks to a wonderful opportunity offered by the Welter Foundation. A 2-to-1 matching gift is on the table: whatever we can raise will be met by double that amount, up to a million dollars, by the Foundation.

PABI's Board of Directors kicked off the campaign by putting \$100,000 into the pot, 20% of what's needed to receive the full amount. Next the Center sent out requests for donations to reach

the goal. Considering all the Center has already become, and all it is yet to be, there's a good chance it can pull this off and sustain itself for the future.

Getting this far has been a long haul. Two point four million was invested to establish the Center, and one and a half million borrowed. \$100,000 of interest has been paid on this loan, which has been paid down by \$135,000. If that loan can be retired from the current effort, that much more of its revenue will be able to

be put toward its operation, easing the worry of its Board and staff.

A lot has been learned over the past few years – by the Board and staff, by the many volunteers, about how to conduct the Center. And by the public, about how important having a Center can be. Everyone who has been in the wonderful facility has high hopes that the current campaign

will succeed. The Island deserves this to happen, for everyone's good. So if there is a Santa....



## ISLAND AIRWAYS SELECTED TO RECEIVE SUPPORT UNDER MEDC PILOT PROGRAM

Island Airways is one of 54 small and midsize companies from around Michigan that have been selected to receive business development support through the Pure Michigan Business Connect Economic Gardening Pilot Program being offered by the Michigan Economic Development Corporation. Angela LeFevre-Welke recently announced.

"We are very pleased to be selected to take part in the Economic Gardening Pilot Program and look forward to getting support that will help us identify and pursue opportunities for growth," LeFevre-Welke said. "We have a great commitment to our community and to Michigan, and see this opportunity as a benefit not only to our company, but to Michigan's economy as well."

The program will be administered through the Cassopolis-based Edward Lowe Foundation and will include four areas of support: strategy and management; market research/competitive intelligence; Internet and social media strategy; and geographical information systems – to help identify potential customers in other states.

"The goal of this program is to help these second-stage companies grow and in turn, generate new private investment and create new jobs for Michigan," MEDC CEO and president

Michael Finney said. "The program is part of our toolkit for economic gardening that's built on Michigan's broad asset base of strong corporate enterprises, innovative entrepreneurs and rich technology resources."

McPhillips Flying Service, Inc. (dba Island Airways) was established in 1945. In the following 66 years, the business has changed tremendously but the core mission remains the same, "Provide air transportation of passengers and freight to the residents and visitors of Beaver Island." The company is based on and operates from Welke Airport on Beaver Island. Island Airways provides daily air service between Beaver Island and Charlevoix. In addition to daily passenger / freight service, Island Airways provides charter services all over the Midwest and FAA certified aviation repair services. It is also the terminus for UPS and FedEx deliveries.

The 54 companies were selected by an independent review from a pool of 108 nominees that were submitted by local economic development representatives from throughout Michigan. The companies were chosen based on the type and size of the markets they serve, their growth potential, and their likelihood of benefitting from the service. The hope is that Beaver Island will draw more people from all over the Midwest.

"It has the natural resources and romantic isolation needed to become a major force in Michigan's tourism boom."

Penny Lewandowski, director of entrepreneurship development at the Edward Lowe Foundation, had this to say: "Our experience shows us that second-stage companies exposed to economic gardening techniques grow at faster rates than their peers. MEDC's support of the pilot program is exciting news for Michigan's second-stagers – and a clear indication of the commitment our state has made to the next generation of Michigan success stories."

The pilot program is the latest addition to Pure Michigan Business Connect, the \$3 billion public-private initiative that provides Michigan's businesses new ways to buy and sell, raise capital, and connect with each other through an alliance of the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, state agencies and major Michigan companies and organizations.

The Michigan Economic Development Corporation, a public-private partnership serving as the state's marketing arm and lead agency for business, talent and jobs, focuses on helping grow Michigan's economy. For more on the MEDC and its initiatives, visit: [MichiganAdvantage.org](http://MichiganAdvantage.org).



## 24. WE ARE THE LAST STOP IN AMERICA

IRISH CHRISTMAS IN AMERICA RIGHT AT HOME ON AMERICA'S EMERALD ISLE

Beaver Island, MI – The 2011 production of Irish Christmas in America concludes its US tour on Beaver Island, Michigan – America's Emerald Isle – less than 24 hours before the talented group is heading home to Ireland.

Conceived in 2005 by Oisín MacDiarmada of the renowned traditional Irish band Téada, *Irish Christmas in America* is a combination of Irish music, song, dance and stories, performed against a photographic slide-show backdrop. 2011 features special guest vocal group "Lumiere," currently one of Ireland's leading performing and recording vocal acts. Seamus Begley, legendary West Kerry accordionist and singer, once again joins the tour, having just finished recording a new duet album with



Oisín which will be released just in time for the Christmas tour.

"It will be so exciting to finish our long tour on Beaver Island," said Oisín,

Sunday, December 18, 6 pm at the Community Center. Weather permitting – if it storms, the performance will be held on the mainland dock!

Tickets are \$30 and can be reserved by calling (231) 448-2022. Travel packages are also available for those wishing to experience a unique Beaver Island Irish Christmas celebration.

Samples of past Irish Christmas in America productions can be found at [www.irishchristmasinamerica.com](http://www.irishchristmasinamerica.com).



## QDM – THE FIRST SEASON

This fall marks the first deer hunting season on Beaver Island when three on a side antler point restrictions have been in effect. However, most of the Island's private hunting camps have been practicing basic Quality Deer Management (QDM) principals for several years. The food plots and trigger discipline appear to be having the desired impact.

"There are lots of young bucks around this season. I have heard from numerous people that they are excited those young bucks they are seeing will be protected with the new antler restrictions. So far I have yet to hear a negative comment about the regulations. My camp is excited to see what the next few years brings," said Island land owner and hunter Todd Ireland.



"According to the latest's Michigan statistics each deer hunter spends on average over \$1000 per season. We

hope to get more of them to visit Beaver Island for a fall hunt in future years as the QDM program and more bucks mature," said Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Steve West.

Left: Jeff Powers DVM shows off a nice eight-point buck he took this year. Powers, Island Wildlife Club President, has been practicing QDM principals on his Beaver Island land for several years. A good shot, and one of a number of eight-point (and greater) bucks taken this hunting season on Beaver Island.

Although the weather was not ideal, many hunters detected a new spirit of cooperation. "We realize the importance of hunting to our economy," a business owner said. "We're all willing to do whatever we can to support hunters and promote their sport."



## Your Island's Economic Future

Beaver Island business improved in 2011 despite a weak economy in our primary visitor market area. We weren't simply lucky. It is related to ongoing marketing efforts by the Beaver Island Chamber of Commerce and member partners.

For the last several years the Chamber has managed a marketing program that has included radio, billboard, TV, print, web and a journalist host program. Many efforts were pursued in partnership with members thus leveraging the investment. All boats float higher, even terrestrial ones, on a rising tide of public awareness.

The Chamber of Commerce develops sponsors and / or promotes a variety of events that attract visitors like a Marathon, Bike Festival, TV News visits, Fly Fishing The World TV, and The Bite of Beaver Island. The Chamber hosts writers from a variety of print publications and is helping to develop and market our outdoors sporting resources. These efforts have contributed to more visitors, spending more money on Beaver Island.

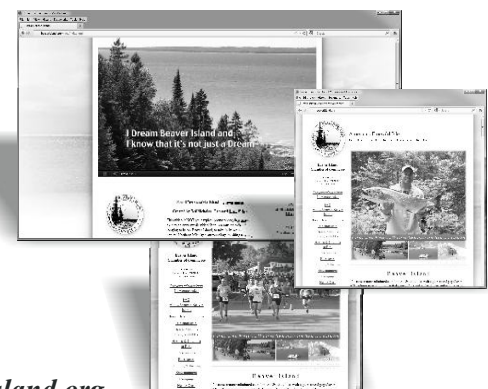
Visits to the Chamber web site have been growing at about 20% a year and now exceeds 100,000 annually. If you Google search "Beaver Island" the award winning Chamber site comes up first and the accommodations section is second. The average site visit is around five minutes.

The 2012 Chamber of Commerce membership drive is underway. Individuals as well as businesses can be members and dues start at only \$150 annually? Please join the Beaver Island marketing team.

**Chamber Mission Statement:** To maximize the effective use of member's dues to market the Beaver Island Archipelago as a tourist / vacation destination by using all manner of current electronic and print media. To support economic development and improvements in the quality of members and community life consistent with conserving our Island's natural beauty and resources.

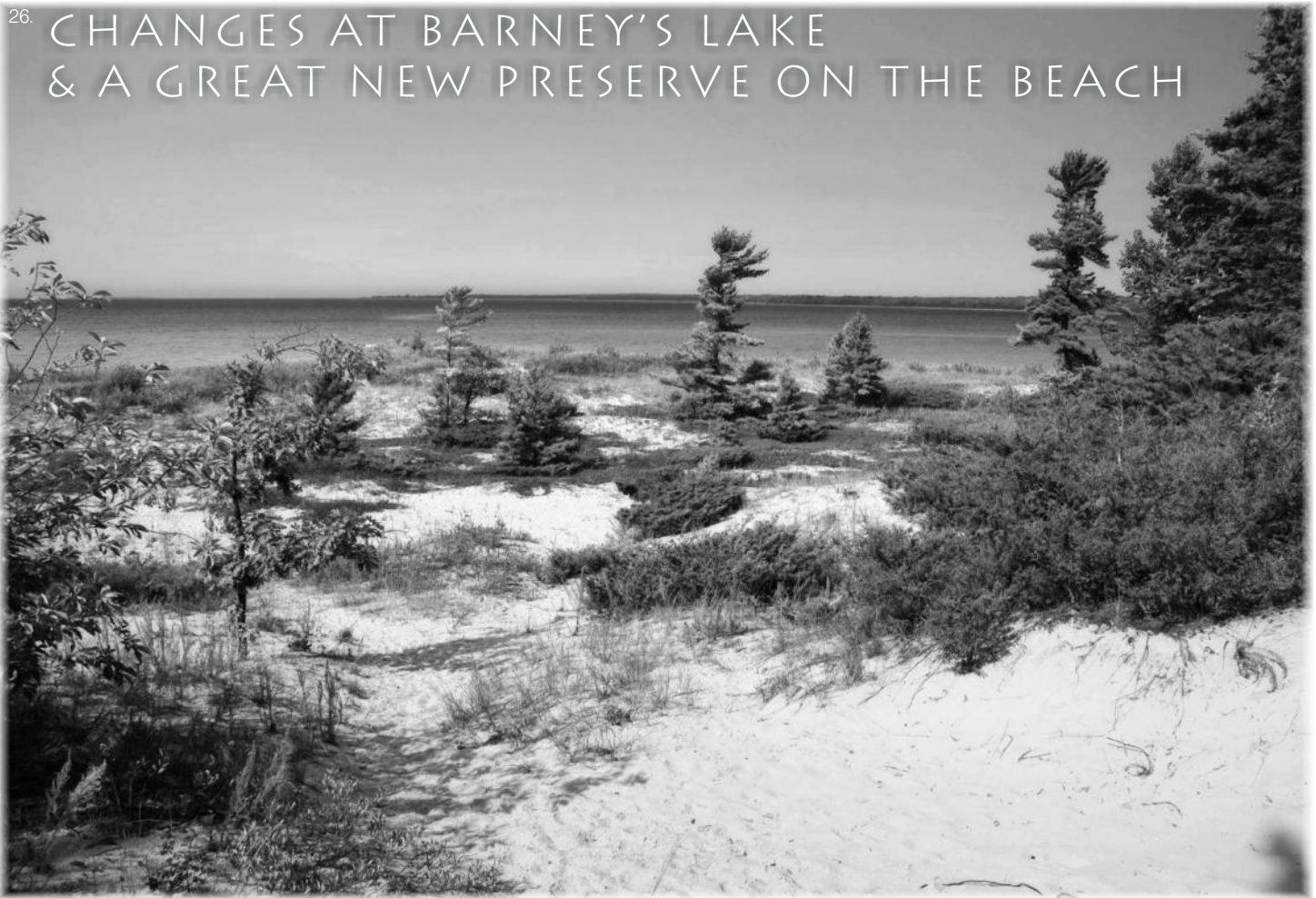
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26. CHANGES AT BARNEY'S LAKE  
& A GREAT NEW PRESERVE ON THE BEACH



photographs courtesy of the Little Traverse Conservancy

**L**ittle Traverse Conservancy (LTC) recently received a grant from the Charlevoix County Community Foundation to help fund improvements to the Barney's Lake

and Little Sand Bay Nature Preserves. Included in the project are: a parking area, new and improved trails, trail signage, improved boat storage and shoreline access, and a natural history

interpretative sign for the Barney's Lake Preserve; and an interpretative sign and directional signs for the LTC's Little Sand Bay Preserve.

In mid-September, Jim Wojan con-

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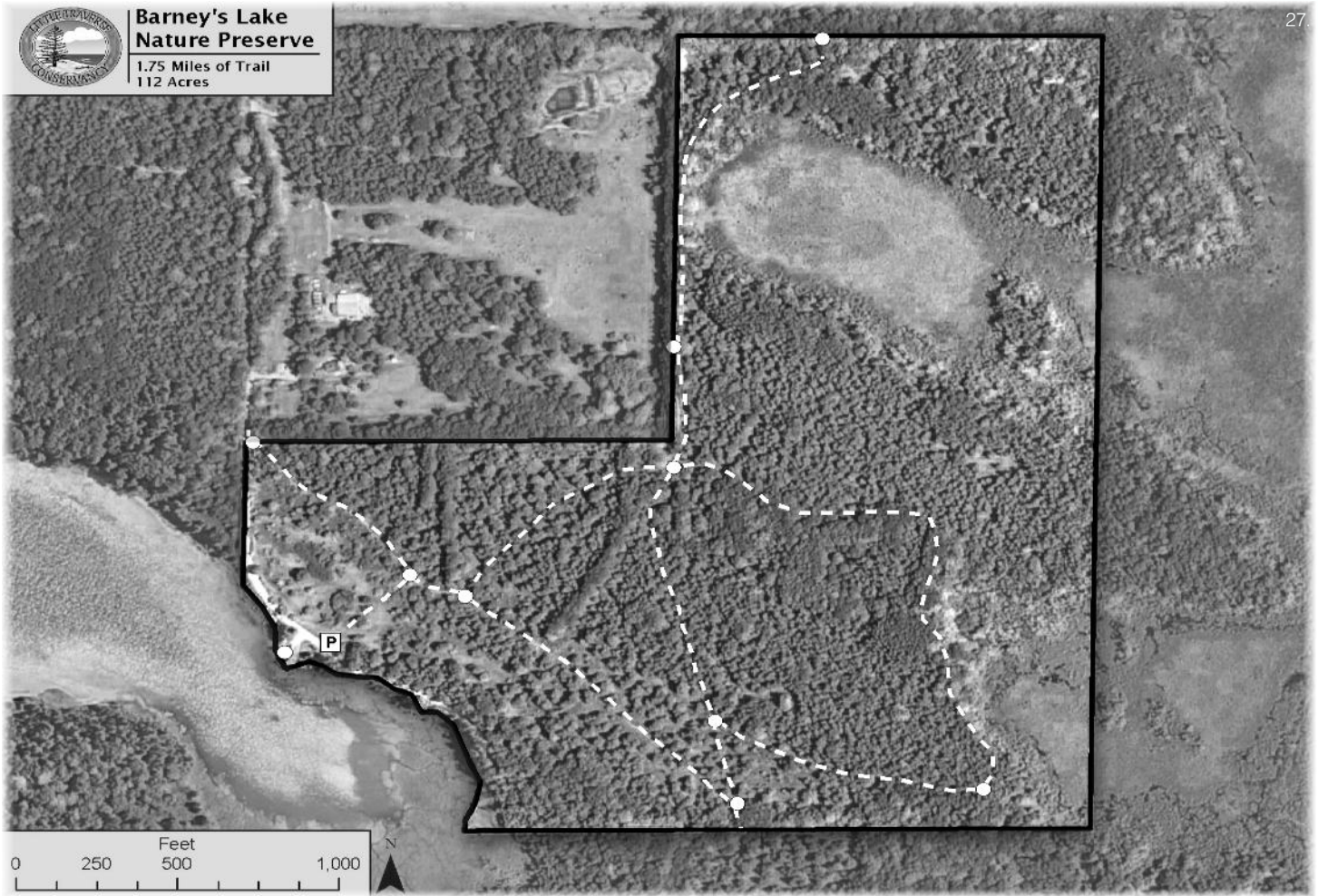
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# Barney's Lake Nature Preserve

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structed a six-car, gravel-surfaced parking lot on the northeast side of Barney's Lake Road. Jim also positioned boulders to control vehicle access on the West (lake) side of the road. Please note that we

plan to reposition the boulders somewhat next Spring. They were placed before the fencing and storage racks, and we can see now that slightly different placement would make the site more attractive and

user-friendly. In late-September, eight volunteers helped LTC staff clear a previously flagged new trail loop on the eastern half of the Preserve, create a connector trail

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leading from the new parking lot, and install trail map signs. The volunteers came equipped with chain saws, a tractor with brush hog, and a hand-held power brush-cutter. In addition to clearing the new trail segments, junipers encroaching on pre-existing two-track roads were cut back. Trail maps with a "You Are Here" indication were placed at each of the 10 trail intersections as well as at the parking lot. The map shows the new and improved trail system, which totals 1.75 miles in length.

The Barney's Lake Preserve name sign was moved closer to the new parking area, and a new sign identifying the parking lot as the location of the Preserve's trailhead was added to help guide preserve visitors. Four "interior" boundary signs were installed where pre-existing two-tracks leave the Preserve, to help prevent trespass on private property.

Anne Fleming, LTC's Communication Coordinator, in consultation with Island residents and other experts, has drafted interpretative signs about the natural history of both the Barney's Lake and Little Sand Bay Preserves. We have contracted with Universal Sign Systems of Grand Rapids to construct the signs. Although the signs should be done soon, we will likely wait until spring to install them. At that time we will also install several sandblasted wood directional signs for Little Sand Bay Preserve (to match the Preserve name sign), to help better guide visitors to the parking area and trailhead there.

As you probably know, Island residents and visitors have stored boats on the lakeshore at the Barney's Lake Preserve for many years. Unfortunately, this has resulted in negative impacts to the fragile shoreline environment and was detracting from lakeshore scenery.



In an effort to protect resources yet provide safe and easy access for small boats, LTC staffers along with the help of four Island volunteers constructed storage racks in October and November. There is enough storage to accommodate 16 canoes, kayaks, etc. as well as about six larger rowboats in an area just back from the shoreline. The photo below shows



the lake access area including boat storage racks.

We are asking that after May 1, 2012, boat owners no longer store their boats on the shore of Barney's Lake, and that the storage racks be used instead. There should be plenty of room to accommodate the number of currently stored boats, plus more. Please contact LTC to make arrangements for free boat storage on the new storage racks (231-347-0991).

We also installed split rail fencing to control vehicular access to the lakeshore. The design for this was done in consultation with Tim McDonough, Beaver Island Fire Chief, in the hope that it will allow adequate fire/emergency access to the water, yet still function to control recreational traffic.

On some related Beaver Island LTC Preserve matters:

We continue to plan and collaborate with the Beaver Island Historical

Society on options for preserving the historic old Mormon log cabin on the Little Sand Bay Preserve.

Beavers have once again set up housekeeping in the wrong spot at the Little Sand Bay Preserve, threatening to flood the trail and boardwalk. As such, we have no choice but to remove them, and plans for that are underway.

Formal acquisition of a new 27-acre preserve on the North end of Beaver Island (within walking distance of St. James) has just been finalized. It will be known as the *George and Althea Petritz Nature Preserve*. It includes an access trail to the shore (located on Lake Drive just east of Maple Street), 500 feet of shoreline, extensive sand dunes, and great views of the islands to the north.

LTC is indebted to the many volunteers who helped with this project, and to the Charlevoix

County Community Foundation for the funding to make it possible. It is our hope that these projects will lead to improved outdoor recreation and protection of natural resources on Beaver Island. Please let me know if you have any comments or suggestions on our Beaver Island nature preserves or their management.

—Doug Fuller,  
Director of Stewardship  
Little Traverse Conservancy

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## BIBCo AWARDED

The Beaver Island Boat Company (BIBCo) is proud to be named "November Business of the Month" by the Charlevoix Chamber of Commerce, "a business that goes above and beyond business as usual, positively impacting the community." BIBCo will be a contender for the Charlevoix Chamber's Business of the Year Award.

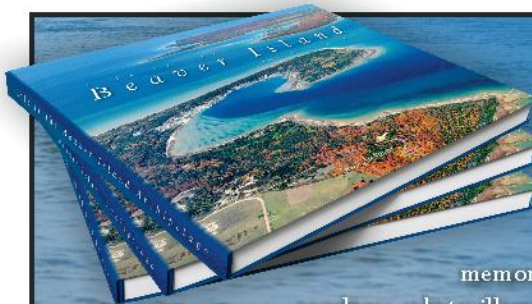
When asked what they enjoyed most, BIBCo answered "Charlevoix's beauty and natural waterway is the best part of being here. Passing under the drawbridge and waving to people along the boardwalk is an essential experience in Charlevoix and we are happy to be a part of it."

IT'S EVEN FUNNIER ...



**S**purred on by the applause from the audiences at previous versions of their skit collections, our Comedy Group has risen

to new levels. Many of the stars are back – Pat Nugent, Jeff Powers, Elaine West, Wendy White, Phil Becker – but new cast members Donna Stambaugh, Pam



## The Perfect Christmas Gift!

**A**round this time many of us begin to fret over what we can give our friends and loved ones for Christmas. We want something special, something unique, something memorable. A trip to the mall won't suffice. My goodness, what will we ever do?

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O'Brien, Kim Reed and Laura Green have added fresh talents. We've all experienced these things in our daily lives, and come away chuckling but also

seeing ourselves and life on Beaver Island more clearly. Because of this mirroring their show is better than Broadway, and much better than TV.



photograph courtesy of Frank Solle

## MANY THANKS

I would like to extend my thanks to everyone who made my 90<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration such a great day.

So many friends stopped by to wish me well, it was wonderful.

And many thanks for all the lottery tickets – I had great fun scratching them all off. I certainly put the nearly \$250 of winnings to good use the following week at the casino in Mt. Pleasant.

Thank you again for such a memorable day.

—Ellie Hohn

*Ellie has been coming here for over forty years, and has become an astute observer of all our many changes.*



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The first floor level has two bedrooms and one full bath, a formal dining room, a living room with a wood-burning fireplace, an excellent fairly new kitchen, and a screened-in three-season porch. There is an open deck on the lake side in front of the living room, and a protected private hot tub area below the porch with a full view of the harbor just outside the walkout basement door. The walkout basement is being used as a master bedroom by the current owner (with a second  $\frac{3}{4}$  bath on this lower level). There is also a laundry room in the lower level.



**T**his home is unique: very few homes in the town of St. James have a view of the harbor like this. If you like the idea of watching the boats come and go, and seeing sunrises and moonfalls, this could be your perfect retirement spot, a very nice summer home, or an excellent rental property.



The finished area downstairs can be a bedroom suite, family room, or any other use you might desire. The house has over 1,740 ft<sup>2</sup> of finished living area – plus an attached one-car garage. It recently underwent extensive improvements by the owner/builder Mike Collins. A new roof, new electric hot water boiler, and new, long-lasting shake shingles were installed last year. In 1989 a new deep well was put down, and in 2001 a new septic system was added. New landscaping and walkways were put in, and a double-insulated dog door was installed in the basement to a 15' x 100' dog run. New floor coverings installed on both levels, and a new stove and refrigerator in the kitchen. Because this is some of the most valuable lake frontage on Beaver Island (a minimum of \$2,000 per front foot), **this house is a tremendous opportunity. PRICE REALLY REDUCED - NOW FIRM AT ONLY \$249,000.**

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**I**n October, Mark and I spent our first wedding anniversary playing softball with students at the Lighthouse School. What a wonderful way to celebrate!

## How did Mark & Beth discover Beaver Island?

Our connection with the school began in 2010. After sailing into Paradise Bay on our 32' sailboat, we took the Island tour with Roland Cull. At the South End Lighthouse, we met a student who told us how the school had turned her young life around. That evening we met Steve and Dianne Steinglass at the Lodge where we were all having dinner. The next day they showed us the house their son Adam along with Youth Build students and many in the community were constructing for Islander Karen Slanga.

## We established the 10-10-10 Scholarship Fund

Then and there, we decided to establish the 10-10-10 Scholarship Fund. (You can check out our website:

*101010scholarship.info*) Why 10-10-10? Mark chose it as our wedding date so "when we're old, we'll remember it." Why a scholarship fund? We wanted to provide a helping hand to young people. In lieu of wedding gifts, we encouraged our family and friends to join us in contributing to the fund. And they did! We have raised more than four thousand dollars.

Since then, scholarships have been awarded to the valedictorians Katie Daughtery and Kayla Bell, both of whom are now studying at Northern Michigan University.

## Our commitment continues

In April 2011, Mark and I were honored as Supporters of the Year by the Northwest Michigan Council of Governments for creating the Beaver Island Lighthouse School 10-10-10 Scholarship. Kenneth Roehling, Education Specialist, introduced us to the council, and we told the story of this wonderful alternative school on Beaver Island. ([www.nwm.org/awards.asp](http://www.nwm.org/awards.asp))

Last July we gave a workshop at the

Beaver Island Lighthouse School. Working in pairs, students created job interviews which we videotaped. Reviewing was both informative and entertaining.

## Softball in October

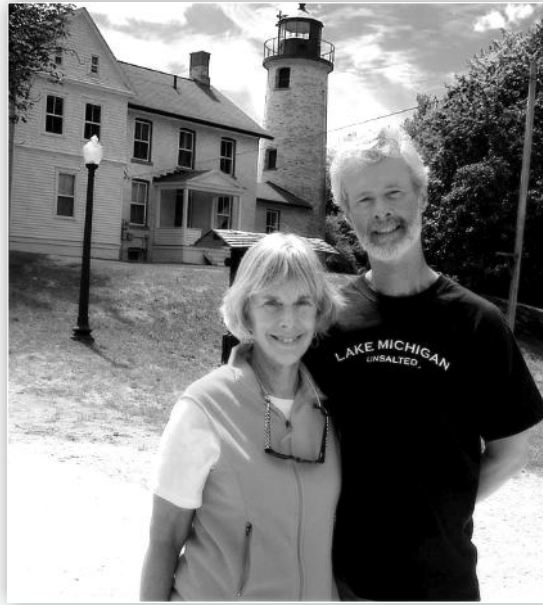
By mid-October, our sailboat was in drydock in Chicago so we drove to

Charlevoix and took the ferry to the Island that we have come to love.

After breakfast with the students and staff (Steve, Justin, Nick, Heather), we judged the students' weekly cabin clean-up.

Then we drove to McDonough field. The 27 kids were divided into two teams with Steve on one team and Justin on the other. Heather pitched for both teams. Go, Heather!!

I sat on the sidelines soaking up the warm sun. I'm not much of a softball fan, but I didn't need to be. All I needed to do was sit on the bench. First Adam came and sat next to me. A tall gangly blond-headed boy, he confided that he didn't like softball. I remembered my brother's guideline, "Beth, just listen." What he really liked was paintball. He explained it to me. When he finished, the silence between us was compatible. A bit later, he took a photo booth snapshot out of his billfold. I could see it was Adam and a girl, but I didn't say anything. Then he sighed audibly and put the photo away. OK, so much for silence.



"I saw that photo," I said.

"That's my girlfriend. She's beautiful." (She was.) "I don't know what she sees in me, but she said nobody had ever treated her as well as I do."

Teenagers. It all comes back. All I said was, "She must think you're special, too."

Adam was up to bat. Conversation ended.

In the meantime Tyler sat next to me. He'd been in the summer session where Mark and I had given an afternoon's workshop during which Tyler had been present in body only.

Today Tyler smiled and said, "These teachers really care. Before, I got mainly Ds, but yesterday I got a B on a math test."

"Good work, Tyler." Then silence. But comfortable.

Tiffany of the dyed-black hair

stood on the sidelines looking aloof. Then she went to bat and hit a ground ball. Eventually she made it all around the bases and was cheered in to home plate.

"Nice work," I offered as she walked by me.

"Thanks," she answered and added, "In last week's game, I didn't try at all."

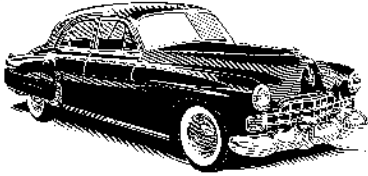
Later I stood next to Phil who is wearing a neck brace. I knew he'd been in a car accident just three weeks after his mother died. I didn't know how to start a conversation so I said, "How's it going?"

He told me he's going to the mainland to get the brace off. Then he will be back.

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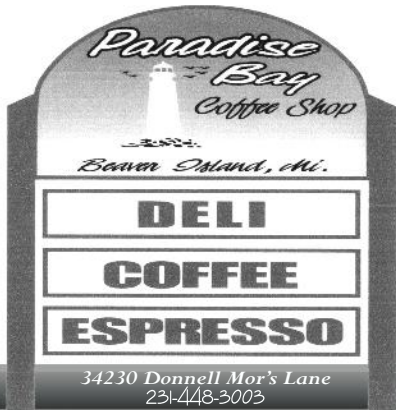


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34. *Mentors Needed, from page 33.*  
"The people are pretty nice here."

A couple hours later the game was over.

## Online Mentoring for Beaver Island Lighthouse School

For when we cannot be on the bench in the warm October sunshine, we want to help these kids. So we are creating an online mentoring program.

The students will be in Steve Finch's (Beaver Island Lighthouse

## NIGHT WATCH

In the silent street  
The cold wind blowing across the  
olive yards  
Waiting for the footsteps, the voice of  
his relief. . .

Trouble in Tarshish, they say in the  
barracks,  
Trouble in Libya, trouble in Gaul  
Rome, as usual, profiteering  
Saying one thing and doing another  
And this godforsaken country sullen,  
self righteous  
Living on prophecies

School Director) Life Skills course.

The mentors will lend a helping hand via the internet. We know these students need contact with someone who isn't their parent or teacher. Someone with life experience.

Each student will be paired with a mentor to communicate on email or Skype. We will get to know each other and teach each other.

There will be no pressure, no tests, no grades. Just a chance to connect with

The town impossible, jampacked all  
day long  
With donkeys and locals come up for  
the taxing

Quiet at last, thank God  
Waiting, in the empty shadows,  
For the voice of his relief. . .

Only the wind, the cold wind  
The sharp, white stars  
And, riding the wind, up from the  
stables  
The cry of a child wailing in a manger.

—Larry Barrett

## BACK AFTER YEARS

Now retired, I can do what I want  
If I'm able, and I was able  
To come back last summer to Beaver  
Island, where I'd spent the summer  
Of my thirteenth year.

I was the kid in cut-off khakis,  
Free to run while Mom tended bar.  
Fished off the dock, between the boats;  
Each one I caught the old guy'd caught  
The day before, but thrown back  
In trade for its story of swimming  
Through wrecks, seeing chests  
Full of treasure, and scary white bones.

Two older kids took me exploring,  
Showed me a found key to a cottage  
With a cellar full of hooch "they won't  
Miss if we take just a snort." Or two.  
Somehow I lost both my shoes, but  
Kept a magazine picture of a naked  
Woman, folded carefully three times.  
I have it still, flaky and pale.

So I came back. Took the tour.  
They helped me into the van.  
Deep-voiced explanations full of pride  
At all that had grown. A new boat,  
Not the *South Shore*, where I'd puked  
On a bench, and been taken to the  
Bridge, and let help steer.

Not the old Med Center, where a kind  
Lady from down the street had pulled  
A fish hook from my lip. Not the dock  
Where we'd played hide and seek,  
Scrambling over lumber piles at dark.  
Not the landing strip where the little  
Planes teetered coming in, and old  
Joe teetered more, walking to the shed.

Not the cowboy sheriff who'd met the  
Boat with guns strapped on, to turn the  
Bikers around, "If you know what's  
Good for you, you'll go back." Not  
The guy with the taxi, who told us  
Stories between rides, of all the  
Women he'd known. "You wouldn't  
Believe what they'd do." But I did.

"So, old-timer, what d'you think? You  
Must admit we've come a long way."  
Agreeing, I nodded, but what I didn't  
Say was the long way he'd come  
Was the same long way taken by  
The rest of the world, and required  
Cutting free the anchor rope to what  
I'd hoped to still find.

—Jerry Timmons

another human being. Who's to say who will benefit more.

### **Mentors Ready to Go!**

So far, our mentors include a college sophomore and a professor, a career woman with two school-aged kids, a writer, a historical preservation architect, an IT expert, and a Beaver Island property owner. Some have taught, most have not. Some have children (and grandchildren), some don't.

What our volunteers have in com-

mon is the desire to help a young 35. life get back on track and find a sustainable future. Each of the 27 students needs a mentor.

### **You can become a mentor, too.**

Please say you'll join us. Become a mentor at The Beaver Island Lighthouse School and help shine a light on a young life.

—Mark and Beth Urech

## THANKS FROM THE BIWC

A Thank You to the Community from the Beaver Island Wildlife Club!

The Beaver Island Wildlife Club would like to again thank the community and off-Island hunters /visitors for supporting our recent fund-raising raffle and Harold Lounsberry Memorial Hunters Dinner. We would especially like to thank Eric, Dana and the Shamrock staff for hosting the dinner, preparing the delicious buffet, and serving the attendees. People continue to talk about the great-tasting food!

Congratulations to the folks who won prizes at the Wildlife Club dinner:  
Rifle – John Haggard

Engraved Knife – Don Smith  
Garmen GPS – John Haggard  
Binoculars – Patty Wickering  
Jay's Gift Certificate – Mark LaFreniere  
Pocket Knives – Eric Hodgson,  
Rex Dowling, Bill Detwiler  
Mini Multitools – Don Eckardt,  
Bob Welke  
Key-chain Lights – John Haggard,  
Trisha Chandler  
50/50 raffles – Rex Dowling and  
Tom Kludt  
Thanks again for another successful fundraiser from the Officers, Directors and members of the Beaver Island Wildlife Club.

## TO THE EDITOR: THINK LOCAL CHRISTMAS IS ABOUT COMMUNITY

Christmas 2011 – This could be the birth of a New Tradition:

As the holidays approach, giant Asian factories are kicking into high gear to provide Americans with monstrous piles of cheaply produced goods.

This year could be different.

This year Americans could give the gift of genuine concern for other Americans. There is no longer an excuse that nothing can be found that is produced by American hands. Yes there is!

It's time to think creatively and think local.

Everyone gets their hair cut. How about gift certificates from your local hair stylist? Or a car detailing or tuneup.

You could give a summer's lawn mowing, or a winter's driveway plowing, or rounds at the golf course. Or how about supporting local restaurants? How about going out to see a play at your hometown theater.

This is about supporting your home town Americans with their financial

lives on the line to keep their doors open.

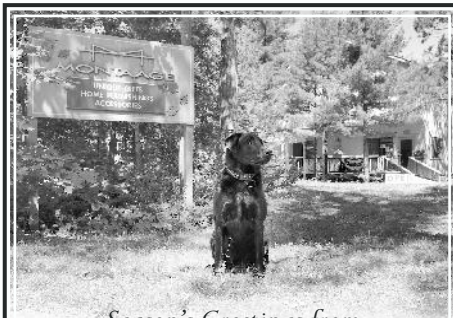
Thinking about a heartfelt gift for mom? Mom would love the services of a local cleaning lady for a day.

Local crafts people make fine jewelry, candles, picture frames, pottery, and beautiful wooden furniture.

Musicians need love too, so find a venue showcasing local and regional bands ... in the woods even, and give tickets – a gift to delight.

Christmas is no longer about draining American pockets so that China can build another glittering city. Christmas is now about caring about US, encouraging our own small businesses to keep plugging away to follow their dreams. And, when we care about other Americans, we care about our communities, and the benefits come back to us in ways we couldn't imagine.

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## 36. BEAVER ISLAND EVENTS

December 8 – **Cookie Carnival** at the Gregg Center 12:30 to 4:00

December 10 – Drs. John Beck and Julie Brockman, **MSU facilitators, meet with NRESC** 10:00-4:00 Peaine Hall; initial planning session.

December 11 - 1:00 – The **Beaver Island**

**Comedy Group** keeps the holiday season rolling along with their 3<sup>rd</sup> original production of comedic skits, sketches and video clips! A special matinee performance! Tickets: \$12

December 13 – **CoA brainstorming** session at St. James Hall, 6:00 – 8:00

## A NEW ANNUAL EVENT

## THE WINTER TOWN TREK: FROLIC

The "Beaver Island 99," a group of sturdy Islanders, will walk to support the BI Food Pantry and to show unity with the 99% across the country on January 14, starting at 1:00. Like citizens everywhere, people here are suffering from unemployment, foreclo-

sure, and poverty. Beaver Island 99 asks that large corporations and the wealthy, who have most of the money, pay their fair share of taxes. We also support legislation to make Wall Street accountable.

Join our trek starting at Paradise

## SAVE THE DATE

The Beaver Island Club of Grand Rapids is happy to announce our 2012 Party! The date will be Saturday, February 18, 2012. This is a week earlier than in past years.

Also, there is a new venue; our 2012 party will be held at the Ramada Inn of Grand Rapids located at 3333 – 28<sup>th</sup> Street SE. Look for more information coming soon to our website:

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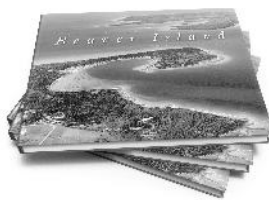
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December 17 – **Visit Santa**; December 19 – **Santa's Workshop**, page 16.  
 December 18 – **Irish Christmas in America** at the Community Center.  
 6:00 pm. Tickets: \$30  
 February 18 – Beaver Island Club of **Grand Rapids Party**

June 21-23, 2012 – **Bike Festival**  
 July 19, 20, 21, 2012 – **Beaver Island Music Festival #10**  
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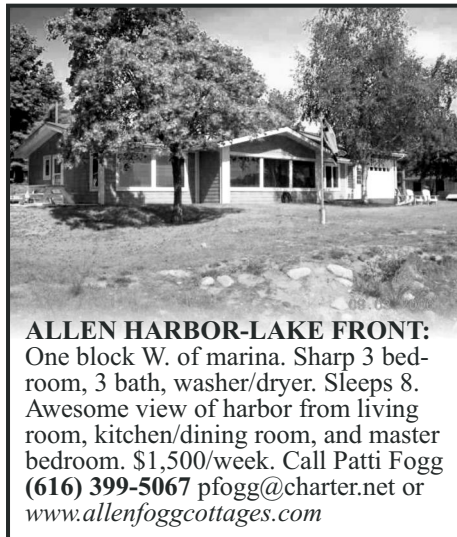
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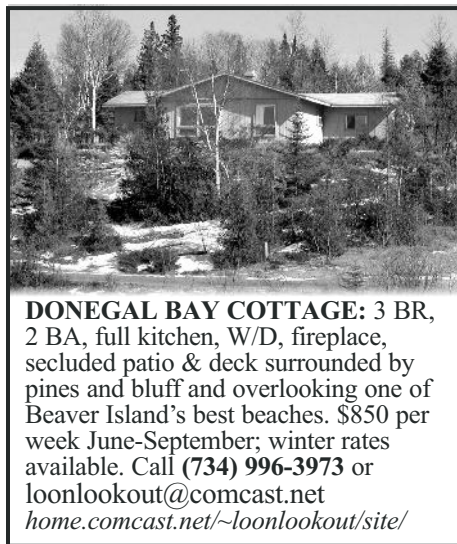


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**LOCH WOOD SHORES -** About four miles from town on the beach of Sand Bay. 3 bedrooms, 2 with double beds, 1 with two twin beds, one and a half bath, w/d, full kitchen, gas grill, large deck that you step off onto the beach, gas fireplace, and a gorgeous view of Lake Michigan. Call (231) 448-2733 or 448-2499.

**40 ACRES ON SLOPTOWN ROAD -** Call Bud at (231) 448-2397.

**2 LOTS ON SAND BAY -** 3.3 Acres each. 1700' deep. Sandy Beach Frontage 117' each. (810) 629-7680 or (231) 448-2257.

**TWO LOTS IN THE PORT ST. JAMES - NEAR FONT LAKE.** Perked, wooded, buildable. #708 & 709; electric and phone right

there. \$14,000 each. Call Peggy at (269) 671-5557.

**20 ACRES WEST SIDE ROAD -** \$55,000; 16x18 rustic cabin (no electricity or water); Apple orchard and deer blinds; great location for hunting; ½ mile north of Fox Lake Rd; contact: Mike Eicher (248) 766-4205.

**TO PLACE AN AD -** (231) 448-2476 or email [beacon@beaverisland.net](mailto:beacon@beaverisland.net)

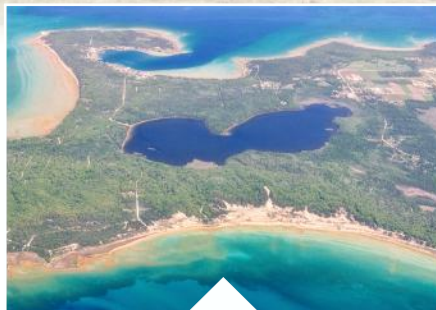
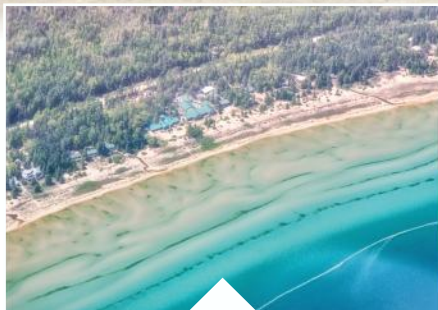


**HIGHVIEW - BEACHFRONT HOUSE FOR RENT:** Exciting cottage with view of High Island from large deck. Open floor plan, huge windows on extremely private beach. 2 BRs with 2 full beds + loft with 2 twins. 1½ baths, TV/VCR, W/D, microwave, gas grill, all amenities. \$1200/week; spring & fall \$895. Limit 6 people. Please call (941) 921-2233 or (317) 769-6563 More photos at [highview.beaverisland.net](http://highview.beaverisland.net)



**NORTH SHORE 300' BEACH FRONT:** Newly remodeled Sunset Cabin overlooking Garden Island. Charming cabin with 3 season porch has Queen, Full/Twin bunk-bed and sleeper sofa. Located on Pine Street, easy walk to town. \$1,000. a week June through September. No pets please. Call (231) 448-2050 for more info.





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